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HIGH 1950 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
BOOSTS NATIONAL ECONOMY

Production of agricultural crops per shang in the Northeast in 1950 exceeded that of the best year (1943) under the Manchukuo regime. Hemp, sugar beets, and tobacco provided valuable additions to the grain and bean crops. As a result of good crops, Liaotung farmers are rapidly repaying government loans. Supplementary industries are being pushed in areas where calamities reduced farm crops.

China's 1950 cotton crop of 14 million piculs [$\frac{1}{1}$ picul equals 133.3 pounds] will provide the textile industry of the nation with its chief raw material.

The 800 million-shih chin [$\frac{1}{1}$ shih chin equals 1.1 pound] peanut crop has been harvested in Shantung. Present export value is 195 US dollars per long ton. Chekiang produced over 10,200,000,000 catties of foodstuffs in 1950, highest in more than 10 years, but cotton production fell below the goal. Shanghai meat prices have been controlled.

NORTHEAST CROPS TOP 1943 FIGURES -- Mukden, Tung-pei Jih-pao, 9 Nov 50

The 1950 Northeast production of 2,426 catties per shang [$\frac{1}{1}$ shang equals 1 $\frac{1}{6}$ acre] exceeded that of 2,170 catties for 1943, the best year under the Japanese rule. The total grain production for 1950 amounted to 17,990,000 catties which was less than the 18,260,000 catties reported for 1943.

The following figures are from reports of the 1950 harvest results in the Northeast.

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1950 Production

	(tons)	
Soybean		3,010,000
Paddy rice		830,000
Cotton		150,000
Hemp		45,000
Hemp seed		8,000
Sugar beat		203,000
Tobacco		9,073

LIAOTUNG FARMERS REPAY GOVERNMENT LOANS -- Mukden, Tung-pei Jih-pao, 8 Nov 50

Farmers in Liaotung are well supplied with funds due to their 1950 bumper crop, and are rapidly repaying the 28 billion yuan [Northeast currency] loans made to them by the government bank in the spring.

SUI-HUA HSIEN PLANS SUPPLEMENTARY INDUSTRIES -- Mukden, Tung-pei Jih-pao, 8 Nov 50

There was a poor grain crop in Sui-hua Hsien in Heilungkiang on account of pests and frost, hence the authorities are laying special stress on supplementary industries, such as wood cutting, grass cutting, hog raising, carting, making bean vermicelli, mat weaving, fishing, and hunting. By these supplementary activities, it is hoped to produce an income equal to 10 to 15 percent of that realized from farming to make up some of the losses from crop failures and to prepare capital for a strong farming program in 1951.

COTTON CROP FEEDS SPINNING MILLS -- Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 5 Nov 50

The 4.5 million spindles of China's modernized spinning mills will be kept busily turning from now on by the 14 million-picul cotton crop of 1950. The country will be delivered from its dependence upon foreign cotton supplies, mill hands will have employment, raw material costs will be lowered, and China's masses better clothed.

SHANTUNG HARVESTS BUMPER PEANUT CROP -- Shanghai, Ta Kung Pao, 9 Nov 50

Tsinan -- A yield of 800 million shih chin of peanuts is expected from the 6,300,000 mou [1 mou equals 1/6 acre] of land under peanut cultivation in Shantung province in 1950. The acreage this year represents an increase of 1,500,000 mou over 1949 acreage.

The provincial oil and fat company is taking steps to keep in proper adjustment local prices, central market prices, and export prices.

The current Tsingtao export price to Europe (including freight and insurance) is 195 US dollars per long ton.

CHEKIANG AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION HIGH -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 18 Dec 50

At a conference of officials of the Chekiang Provincial Agricultural and Forestry Office from all over the province, it was revealed that in 1950 Chekiang produced over 10,200,000,000 catties of foodstuffs, a 20-percent increase over 1949 which was far above the goal. Hemp, silk, and tea production also exceeded the goal, but cotton production failed to reach the goal through there was an actual increase of 140,000 piculs over 1949 production. Increases in production in 1950 were attributed to water conservancy, improved seed, good pest-prevention work, and increased use of fertilizer.

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MEAT PRICES HELD DOWN IN SHANGHAI -- Shanghai, Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 9 Nov 50

The authorities in Shanghai have clamped down on sky-rocketing meat prices in Shanghai. All meat retailers are required to get permits to buy meat from wholesalers. Permits are granted only after inspection of the business. Profiteers will thus be held in check.

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